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Mr. Abram Chayes
The Legal Advisor
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Chayes:

As you know, this Commission is nearing the end of its investigation and is considering publication of its final report and accompanying material as soon as possible.

During the past few weeks members of the staff and I have discussed the publishing aspects of our work with Mr. Arthur K. Manor, Chief, Documentary Branch of the Publishing Services Division of the Department of State. Mr. Manor has indicated his readiness to be of service to the Commission in the course of this work if permission is obtained from his superiors within the Department. I would like to request on behalf of the Commission that Mr. Manor be detailed to the Commission as soon as convenient so that he may participate in the editing and source checking of the Commission's report. I anticipate that Mr. Manor's services will be required for approximately two months.

I am informed by Mr. Manor that an additional person with appropriate editing experience might be obtained from one of your publications divisions. If possible, the Commission would like you to supply a person to assist Mr. Manor in his work. I anticipate that the length of the detail will be for approximately four weeks beginning later this month.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

cc: Mr. Willens
Mr. Rankin